

**NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION  
COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
(Advisory Committee to State Health Division)  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.**

*Bureau of Licensure and Certification  
Conference Room  
1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158  
Carson City, NV*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Herb Brady  
Kelly Dawson  
Richard Schwall  
Bobby Wartgow  
Richard Rand  
Mike Heidemann  
Stephanie Beck  
Fergus Laughridge

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Rory Chetelat  
John Fildes, MD

**HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Bradford Lee, MD, State Health Officer  
Pam Graham, Chief, Bureau of Licensure and Certification  
Randy Munn, Deputy Attorney General  
Richard Fenlason, EMS Representative II  
Richard Swinney, EMS Education Coordinator  
Connie McFadden, Administrative Assistant II  
Maggie Trepanier, Administrative Assistant I

1. Roll Call/Approval of minutes from March 25, 2004, meeting and approval of minutes from meetings held on January 16, 2003, April 17, 2003 and July 17, 2003 by the former Committee on Emergency Medical Services Herb Brady, Chairman

Meeting was called to order by Herb Brady at 10:05 am.

**Bobby Wartgow moved to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2004, meeting, as well as the minutes for the January 16, 2003, April 17, 2003 and July 17, 2003 meetings of the former Committee on Emergency Medical Services.**

SECONDED: Richard Rand  
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Health Division Report Bradford Lee, MD  
State Health Officer

Dr. Lee advised the committee that Yvonne Sylva, Health Division Administrator is retiring from state service. Alex Haartz will be Acting Administrator until hiring for the position is completed. Dr. Lee informed the committee that EMS funding through the CDC grant is no longer available.

3. EMS Report

Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee the EMS Program has received Broslow Bags for distribution to rural services. Mr. Laughridge stated the Dick Swinney has been working the National Registry and community colleges to begin using the National Registry test for the state certification test in Nevada. WNCC and TMCC will conduct a pilot with the Basic EMT classes held in the fall of 2004. The EMS Program is going to begin using the National Registry test for initial certification, late renewal of certification and reciprocal certification in Nevada. Applicants would be required to take and pass the National Registry test to become certified in Nevada. It will not be a requirement to maintain certification in Nevada, except when renewing a certification that the applicant has allowed to expire. The State EMS Offices will become National Registry testing centers. Stephanie Beck asked if this would be open testing. Mr. Laughridge stated that it would be opening testing with National Registry candidates from other states being able to schedule to test in one of the State EMS Offices.

Mr. Laughridge stated that Clark County Health District has completed an American College of Surgeons community consultation visit. The report is due later this month. The purpose of the visit was to look at the trauma system in Clark County. Mr. Laughridge advised the committee that a trauma grant funded by HRSA for the development of Trauma-EMS system has been put on hold temporarily due to the review of the trauma system in Clark County.

Dick Swinney, EMS Education Coordinator, advised the committee that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) will be conducting a Safety Summit in Las Vegas June 16 & 17, 2004. The purpose is to look at development of a state-wide plan to handle emergencies. There are four areas of focus: education, engineering, enforcement and emergency medical services. There is limited travel funding available.

4. Clarification regarding state data collection reporting requirements

Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge provided a brief history of data collection in Nevada. The Nevada State EMS regulations mandate data collection. The state in the past used the 'bubble sheet' scantron form for data collection. The information available through that collection method was limited. The State EMS program began looking at other options available for data collection. The software program that appeared to best suit the needs of Nevada EMS was MedMedia. Gerald Ackerman, Office of Rural Health, proposed funding a pilot program of 10 communities to see if the MedMedia program would work for our needs. The feedback from the pilot program was very positive. The MedMedia program is a web-based program that is password protected. The program is HIPAA compliant. Reports are easily accessed. The program has been modified to fit the specific needs of Nevada. The regulations state that the data collected must be submitted in a format approved by the Health Division. The MedMedia data repository, Webcur, is the approved format for data collection in Nevada. The method for collecting the data can vary, as long as the data can be submitted to the Webcur data repository. MedMedia is willing to work with other vendors to develop an interface to transfer data from other software programs to the Webcur database. There is currently no 'line in the sand' deadline date for compliance. The State EMS Office will work with services to help them become compliant. The lead person on the State EMS staff is Bob Heath in the Elko office.

5 & 6. Clarification regarding state EMS equipment and medications lists  
and state EMS Protocols

Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that the medication and equipment list approved as part of the state wide protocols represents the minimum standard required. The medical directors of each service can request approval from the State Health Division for additional drugs and/or equipment as needed. Dr. Lee stated that he would be willing to work with the service medical directors on the medication and equipment lists.

7. Setting goals for Education Sub-Committee

Bobby Wartgow

Bobby Wartgow advised that the state is moving forward with the plan to begin using National Registry testing for EMT certification. Dick Swinney advised that National Registry is willing to meet with the Education Sub-Committee. Vince Pirozzi stated that the sub-committee needs to address the Intermediate Curriculum. Mr. Wartgow stated that it is important for the sub-committee to concentrate on the original goals, which are: Uniform Testing, National Registry Testing,

8. Setting goals for Data & Communications Sub-Committee

Richard Schwall

Richard Schwall stated that the Data & Communications Sub-Committee needs to concentrate on how to find an interface for urban fire services to use to provide data to the NEEDS program.

9. Setting goals for Clinical Care Sub-Committee

Richard Rand

Richard Rand stated that the goal of the Clinical Care sub-committee will be to: Insure that all services understand the statewide protocol and the procedure for requesting additions to the protocols; assist in development of a statewide plan for Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI) and look at improvements in medical care that could improve pre-hospital care in Nevada.

10. Public Comments and Discussion - (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda at a later meeting for action).

There were no public comments

11. Next Meeting – Agenda

August 16, 2004, at 10:00 am in the Carson City Office of the Bureau of Licensure and Certification.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm